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May 12, 2009

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **C-1**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
SOFT BOTTOM CHANNEL STABILIZATION  
PROJECT NO. 469 WOODLEY AVENUE  
DRAIN IMPROVEMENT  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the project for upgrading and providing protection of a soft bottom channel by installing a synthetic turf reinforcement mat that supports the growth of vegetation to stabilize the floor of a flood control channel in the City of Los Angeles; adopt the plan and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Project No. 469 Woodley Avenue - Drain Improvement, in the City of Los Angeles, at an estimated cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000.
2. Call for bids to be received on June 9, 2009.

3. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain Board approval to adopt and advertise for bids and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the installation of a synthetic turf reinforcement mat that will be covered with top soil and hydroseeded on the invert of a soft bottom flood control channel and the performance of other appurtenant work.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended action will help meet these goals by preventing erosion along the invert and stabilizers, excessive stagnant water, and heavy growth of weeds in a soft bottom channel.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$300,000 to \$400,000. Funding for this project is included in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project, to contract for the improvement of an existing soft bottom flood control channel, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) program for the correction of erosion problems in natural bottom channels using an environmental friendly method. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in August and be completed in October 2009.

Delegating to the Director of Public Works or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the installation of a synthetic turf reinforcement mat on the invert of a flood control channel.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, which is defined as the firm that; (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

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The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On August 12, 2008, Agenda Item 35, your Board approved the environmental document for this project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.


### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by preventing future channel degradation and minimize riparian habitat losses.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

PROJECT NO. 469 WOODLEY AVENUE - DRAIN IMPROVEMENT  
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works  
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code.

Publish: At least five or more times prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in four weeks.

## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the installation of a turf reinforcement mat; construction of top soil top soil and hydroseed; and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. FCC0000973, Project No. 469 Woodley Avenue - Drain Improvement, in the City of Los Angeles.

The bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009. The bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Plans and Specifications specify a product by brand or trade name for the purpose of determining the product's suitability for future use. The work is estimated to cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000 and shall be completed in 40 working days. The work requires a Class A contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Jared Kim at (626) 458-7960.

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents, which may be purchased for \$14, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$17, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to County of Los Angeles in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible bidder is a bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated May 12, 2009.

Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors

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